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Med. Detectives

Capt. Jennifer Shirley, chief of Laboratory Services, peers through a microscope at a blood sample. Typically, lab personnel view slides for urinalysis samples, microbiology and complete blood counts. Captain Shirley and her team at Lajes won the Air Force award for Outstanding Laboratory Team of the Year for 2005. See the complete lab team story on Page 6. (Photo by 1st Lt. Mike Hyland)



Welcome ATSEP Team!

The Air Traffic System Evaluation Program Team arrives today and will stay at Lajes until May 6.

Earthquake Drills

Students, children prepare for natural disasters.

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Lajes Weather

*Saturday
Mostly cloudy
Hi 63
Low 55*



*Sunday
Mostly cloudy
Hi 63
Low 54*





PERSPECTIVE

Airman shares how he hopes to help unit

By **Airman 1st Class Bryant Carpenter**
65th Security Forces Squadron

My goal at Lajes is to leave here with the satisfaction of knowing I have impacted my unit in the most optimistic and encouraging way and leave here knowing I have proficiently accomplished all goals set before me and jumped through all the hoops utilizing superior teamwork skills, problem solving, getting involved in my unit, sustaining a positive attitude at all times and following the core values always.

I have several key attributes I can bring to the fight to help my unit reach its goals.

One way I feel I can positively impact my unit is the use of good team work skills. Teamwork is very important, after all when we go to war it's not just one person; it's an entire team working together to defeat the enemy. Teamwork is incredibly essential and when working well with others, I can bring fresh ideas to the older and more experienced Airmen in my unit.

Problem solving and methods I use to seek out different ways of solving a situation can positively impact my unit as well. It is important for individuals to comprehend a problem and solutions to solving that problem.

Understanding my job to the best of my knowledge and updating my education will be the key ingredient to solving numerous problems. Coming right out of my technical training and having the information fresh on my mind will help me solve various situations because I will easily remember what I have learned.

Problem solving is like a puzzle, only certain pieces will fit together to reach a common solution and I know I am a piece of the puzzle in reaching that solution when situations may arise.

Getting involved with my unit will also leave a positive impact on the people I work with and will leave the community with a positive attitude toward my unit. It's important that I get involved whether volunteering my time or showing up for details; even getting to know the people I work with.

Volunteering is important, especially if helping somebody out. It displays my commitment and the desire to impact the unit by representing them in a positive way to others. I also wish to know the people I work with because I want to encourage them and share my stance on certain situations with them.

Simply maintaining a positive attitude at all times will impact my unit as well.

Even being positive all the time will encourage people to want to do the same, as there is no sense in always being negative and pessimistic because nothing will ever be accomplished that way.

The most important way to positively impact my unit is to follow the core values at all times even when no one is around. If I am continually immoral and lying to others that does not display integrity and will impact the people I work with.

Putting service before self is also vital because it shows my commitment to the unit and accomplishing the missions even if it involves sacrificing some of my own personal time. Excellence in all I do is imperative because if I do everything halfway and become complacent or lazy in my job, it can impact the success of my unit and the public view of the unit.

Excellence in all I do can be an entire list of standards, such as doing my job correctly, following the rules and guidelines that have been set, exceeding the standard, and even having an ironed uniform and shined boots can make the difference on the impact I leave with my unit.

Impacting my unit is what I will strive for the hardest while I serve my time at Lajes and as I continue my Air Force career. I desire to leave here knowing I changed something in my unit, whether

it be small or somewhat large that affects everyone. I want to leave knowing I have impressed and impacted the lives of the people I work with and talk to. By following these simple factors, I am led to be successful in my unit and impact it for the better.

Editor's note: This essay was written by a student in the First Term Airman Center. They are published on a space-available basis.

Commander's Line

The Commander's Line is your direct link to me for suggestions, kudos and as a way to work problems or issues within the 65th Air Base Wing for which you can't find another solution.

*Your chain of command should always be your first option for praise or problems -- but when that's not the answer, call or e-mail the CC Line at **535-4240** or **actionline@lajes.af.mil**.*

-Col. Robert Winston
65th Air Base Wing
commander

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This line is updated during emergencies, Force Protection Condition changes and more.

All personnel are encouraged to keep this number for access to important base information.

For more information on the Straight Talk Line, call 535-2369.



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GOV accident numbers increasing at Lajes

**By 1st Lt. Mike Hyland
65th ABW Public Affairs**

Accidents involving government-owned vehicles are on the rise at Lajes Field.

Since the beginning of 2005, the 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron has reported 81 accidents involving GOVs.

"Between all of last year and this year so far, we've seen a rise in GOV accidents by 13 percent. And we still have five months to go in 2006," said 1st Lt. Alexander Fletcher, Vehicle Management Flight commander for the 65th LRS.

The 81 accidents have cost the government \$37,561, with \$21,698 resulting from 2005, and \$15,863 worth of damage already in 2006. The total GOV repair costs in 2004 were only \$14,194.

According to Senior Master Sgt. Cooper Brantley, 65th LRS Vehicle Maintenance manager, accident numbers are rising because of driver complacency, drivers not using spotters and drivers not paying attention to distances from walls to curbs. He said GOV operators can limit accidents by "using spotters, learning to judge the size of the vehicle you are driving and gauging that by the narrow streets we drive on and sharp corners we take."

Sergeant Brantley said depending on the accident, the vehicle can be out of commission for a long time.

"We've had some (vehicles) out for as little as three days, but a couple out for months. When the damage is excessive, we must go stateside for bids on replacement parts," he said.

Anti-terrorism Advisory

Base personnel are reminded to be vigilant and report any suspicious behavior on and off base.

Suspicious activity is defined as something that does not belong. One possible activity is surveillance. Indicators of possible surveillance might be the presence of personnel who seem out of place such as public work crews who are in your area but not working, peddlers, vendors or suspicious or strange vehicles. Personnel should make note of people or vehicles and report this information immediately.

The United States and our allies are involved with a Global War on Terrorism and the terrorists can strike at any time and at any place.

Report suspicious activity to the law enforcement desk at 535-3222.

Students begin speech fest competition

**By Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud
65th ABW Public Affairs**

Department of Defense Dependents Schools students will begin Speech Fest Tuesday, with students presenting their speeches in the DoDDS school until Thursday.

Students will present their speeches to the base population Friday at 12:30 p.m. in the base theater.

Speech fest is an annual event where children present speeches they have written during the school year.

"In almost every case, they present polished versions of speeches they've already given in class," explained Nadja Evans, DoDDS teacher. "All of our teachers require speeches because our School Improvement Plan is speaking and listening," she added.

Grades 6-12 are participating in Speech Fest. Speeches will vary in length, but the average individual speech is three minutes.

There will also be some foreign language presentations performed in groups, said Ms. Evans.



Earth Week

Sr. Avelino Ormonde, an organic food producer in Fontinhas, teaches a workshop on organic food to a group of Lajes and Air Base 4 personnel at the Family Support Center April 20. Sr. Ormonde grows a variety of products in his farm through Permaculture, which is a design system applicable to food production and land use. The workshop, along with several other environment-conscious events including a Department of Defense Schools field trip to the recycling center, a "Climate Solutions" exhibition by Portuguese and American elementary students, a workshop on major upheavals in weather and an Earth Day fun run, completed earth week's festivities. (Photo by Guido Melo)



Senior Airman Hope Jackson of the Civil Engineer Readiness Flight instructs Madison McGuffin, 2, on proper earthquake self-protection procedures during a drill at the Child Development Center Tuesday. The Civil Engineer Squadron conducted the drill to familiarize the CDC staff and children with the proper actions to take in the event of an earthquake. (Photo by 1st Lt. Mike Hyland)

Earthquake drills prepare students, children

By Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud
65th ABW Public Affairs

Children at the child development center experienced their first earthquake drill Tuesday.

The purpose of the drill was to familiarize the CDC staff and the children with the proper actions to take in the event of an earthquake.

"Since the children are so little, this may be a frightening experience at first, but with practice and a positive attitude from the staff, the children will eventually become accustomed to the procedures," said Staff Sgt. Johanna Kelly, noncommissioned officer in charge of the 65th Air Base Wing Emer-

gency Management Program.

The CDC participates in monthly fire drills which have been beneficial for them, explained Jan Bur, CDC director.

"The fire drills are invaluable to us," she said. Through practice, the children have learned to remain calm during the drills, and know what to do.

To teach the children the difference between a fire drill and an earthquake drill, the CDC chose whistles to indicate there is an earthquake.

During an earthquake drill, children seek shelter under the tables and hold onto the legs of the table for stability.

"If an actual earthquake

were to ever happen, the drills will have conditioned the children to respond with the appropriate actions," Sergeant Kelly said.

Earthquakes are a threat on Terceira, but the Department of Defense Dependents Schools and the CDC never had an earthquake drill.

Initially, Sergeant Kelly started with the DoDDS because it would be easier to teach the older children; they have a higher comprehension level.

To learn how she could teach the younger children, Sergeant Kelly put in a lot of research with the American Red Cross and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to find a way to teach toddlers

how to protect themselves, she said.

"Knowing what to do in the event of an earthquake is important in order to minimize injuries and casualties," said Sergeant Kelly. In the future, the emergency management staff will conduct earthquake training to the youth center and family support center staff.

"My hopes are to eventually include these types of drills in both our civilian and military training for personnel stationed at Lajes," said Sergeant Kelly.

Information on what to do in the event of an earthquake can be found in the *Ever Vigilant* portion of the base guide.



FEATURE

Cinco de Mayo, time to show Mexican pride

By Chief Master Sgt. (retired)
Antonio Lacuesta

Cinco de Mayo is not a celebration of independence. Cinco de Mayo is a Mexican holiday that honors the bravery of Mexican troops at “La Batalla de Puebla.” The victory at Puebla over the French was insignificant in military terms, but it was historical for the people of Mexico. It instilled pride and patriotism in a time of despair. To fully understand this, people must understand what was going at the time.

History

At the beginning of the 1860s, Mexico was a very young nation trying to overcome some major political and economic setbacks. The latest being the loss of Texas after the Mexican-American War in 1848. There was a lack of national pride. During this time, Mexico was deeply in debt. In 1861, President Benito Juarez announced a two-year suspension of payments to foreign creditors. Military troops from the major creditors (France, Spain and England) landed at Vera Cruz in early 1862 to force Mexico to pay its debts. Spain and England quickly made deals with Mexico and returned home.

However, many believed that France was more interested in the conquest of Mexico than in the collection of debt.

France believed that with the United States involved in its own Civil War, France would be free to march on Mexico City without interference from the United States. With the fall of Mexico City a forgone conclusion, France would have a foothold in the Americas and would then be free to help the Confederate States in the fight against the Union Army.

French armies had not been defeated in 50 years and were considered the best in the world at that time. France had the finest modern equipment and had a newly reconstituted Foreign Legion that greatly outnumbered the Mexican troops. President Juarez dispatched General Ignacio Zaragoza (Texas-born) and his troops to slow down the French advance on Mexico City. Mexican troops were not expected to win the battle because Mexican troops were poorly trained and ill equipped.

The French and Mexican armies met at Puebla on the Fifth of May, (Cinco de

Mayo) 1862. After two hours, the Mexican army handed the French their first military defeat in more than 50 years. Despite tremendous odds, General Zaragoza’s troops forced the French to retreat. The French retreated to Vera Cruz and then France. “La Batalla de Puebla” temporarily stopped the French invasion of Mexico, and France’s ability to help the Confederates.

One year later, the French returned with a much larger force, took Puebla and continued the march to Mexico City. After the fall of Mexico City, the French ruled Mexico until 1867. When the French were finally expelled from Mexico, President Juarez declared Cinco de Mayo a national holiday to honor the “La Batalla de Puebla” and the bravery of the Mexican Troops against superior odds.

Significance

“La Batalla de Puebla” sent a message that the young Mexican nation was ready and willing to defend its homeland against foreign invasion. It was the first time since its independence in 1821 that the nation had something to be proud of. “La Batalla de Puebla” instilled pride and patriotism in the young nation in a time of adversity. “Soy Mexicano” (*I am Mexican*) became popular.

Today, Cinco de Mayo is recognized, but not widely celebrated in Mexico. It is recognized as a victory in battle, not as “Independence Day” as many in the United States believe. This “Mexican”



holiday has many ties to U.S. history, which include General Zaragoza being a native of what is now Texas and the French’s retreat out of the Americas, which impaired the French’s ability to aid and support the Confederate States during the end of the U.S. Civil War.

Why did Cinco de Mayo become popular in the United States? As the Mexican-American population within the United States grew, they wanted to display their pride. Cinco de Mayo provided them with an opportunity to share our culture with mainstream America. This is not a cry of citizenship but a celebration of cultural pride. Popularity of Cinco de Mayo began around the time of the Civil Rights Era and the Chicano Movement — it was a search for an identity. “Mexican-Americans” have unofficially adopted Cinco de Mayo for its historical and cultural significance. However, here in Lajes – The Organization of Latin Americans, as this year’s sponsors of Cinco de Mayo, want to make this a celebration of diversity. This is a celebration of the cultural pride not only of Mexican-Americans, but of all the cultures that make up this great nation of ours. Throughout U.S. history, people from all cultures from all parts of the world have added their chapter or even footnote to what makes us a great nation. Let’s celebrate this diversity.

(Tech. Sgt. Sandra Nunes contributed to this article.)

Cinco de Mayo events

Poster/Essay contest for school age kids: Entries are due Monday to Mr. Allen, the elementary school principal. Savings bonds will be given to the top three winners.

Story hour: OLA members will read to children 3 p.m. Friday at the library for story hour. They will also show how to make a piñata.

Ethnic lunch: The dining facility will be serving Mexican food in honor of Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo celebration: The OLA is sponsoring a pot luck, noon Saturday at the community center. There will be authentic Mexican food, drinks, games, piñata, a bouncy castle and arts and crafts for children.

Detectives of medicine *Lab team is behind-the-scenes for doctors, nurses, patients*

By Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud
65th ABW Public Affairs

Vials of blood, urine samples and DNA are just a few things the lab can collect as part of their mission.

This week, National Laboratory Professionals Week, is a time to recognize this behind-the-scenes team that helps Lajes Field reach its medical mission. The "Laboratory Professionals" at Lajes won Laboratory Team of the Year for the Air Force, as well as US Air Forces in Europe, in 2005. The USAFE award is the second in two years for the Lajes lab.

"The lab provides high quality laboratory information to physicians and nurses, not only to diagnose a patient's ailments, but also to confirm if a treatment is working or not," explained Capt. Jennifer Shirley, chief of Laboratory Services.

The three-person team provides laboratory tests to support the ambulatory care clinic.

This includes blood chemistry, cellular analysis, and urine analysis to help determine a person's health and microbiology to determine if a person has an infection.

"We are a key component of the medical team that is often forgotten about as most people only think of nurses and doctors when thinking about the medical field," said the captain.

Lab support includes hematology, microbiology, urinalysis, immunology and chemistry as part of the Diagnostics and Therapeutics Flight, the support side of medicine.

Laboratory technician, Staff Sgt. Michael Buongiorno, said what he enjoys most about working in the lab is "Being a first identifier for many disease states and conditions," he said. Sergeant Buongiorno's position allows him to be the first person to find out what is really making a person sick.

"We are the detectives of medicine," Captain Shirley said. "The physicians and nurses can make a diagnosis based on symptoms, but without confirmation with laboratory tests, it is just an educated guess. The laboratory can definitively say is a person has or does not have a disease or health condition or if a treatment is working."



Tech. Sgt. Tranquilino Cruz, Diagnostics and Therapeutics Flight noncommissioned officer in charge, draws blood from Veronica Tonnancour, a dependent at Lajes. (Photo by 1st Lt. Mike Hyland)

In addition, the lab team is an instrumental part of wing readiness by detecting Biological Warfare Agents. "In our small lab, we have the ability to extract DNA — much like what you see on *CSI* — and identify if a particular biological agent is present," Captain Shirley said.

Some of the demands of working in a lab are keeping up with changing technology.

"New and better tests are constantly being developed and determining what best meets the needs of our providers and patient population is not always easy," said Captain Shirley.

For Tech. Sgt. Tranquilino Cruz, NCOIC, challenging portions of the lab are blood banking and microbiology. These two sections require a lot of hands-on and skill," he said.

Sergeant Cruz said he likes being in the business of taking care of people, subordinates, supervisors and of course the patients.

The lab also provides after-hours support for the Wing Drug Demand Reduction Program and for Legal Blood Alcohol Testing.

The lab techs have to keep up with the new organisms, diseases and illnesses that constantly come up. This is probably the most challenging part for Sergeant Buongiorno.

"I have to keep educated to the new medical conditions so I can accurately inform the providers of patient ailments," he said.

This comes with the territory of being a laboratory professional and a detective of medicine.



April: Month of the military child

Col. Michael Silver, 65th Mission Support Group commander, sits down for lunch with a group of military children at Lajes Elementary School.



Staff Sgt. Johanna Kelly, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron, sits with her daughter Leilani, 2, at the Child Development Center here before leaving for work. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud)



Denise Gallant, interacts with her French tutor Mrs. Huguette Neill.



COMMUNITY FEATURE

Azores archipelago

Ed highlights each of nine islands continuing with Flores

By Ed Lima
Community Relations
adviser

This is the eighth of a series of articles on all of the nine islands which form the Azorean archipelago.

Flores

The next to the last Azorean island to be discovered, the island of Flores, has a surface area of approximately 55 square miles and is the westernmost point of the Azores and Europe.

Its discovery date is not certain, although historical files say it was after the seven other islands had been found. Some historians maintain that Flores was sighted in 1452 by Portuguese Navigator Diogo Teive and his son João. Initially named São Tomas or Santa Iria, the name was soon changed to Flores (flowers) due to the abundance of wild flowers that cover the island.

In 1471, the Flemish nobleman Wilhem van der Haegen, initiated the first attempt to settle in the valley of Ribeira da Cruz, but the island's isolation and the lack of regular shipping connections led him to abandon Flores and settle on São Jorge instead.

Located far from the other islands and with few export products, Flores was almost isolated for centuries; a situation changed by rare ship visits. However, the isolation didn't prevent the island from being sacked by an English fleet in 1587, nor did it prevent pirates from attacking and pillaging it throughout the centuries.

This small island with approximately 4,000

people is undoubtedly the prettiest of the Azorean islands, featuring many natural wonders. In fact, Flores is the epitome of nature in all its exuberance, with deep valleys cut by streams, peaks and hills marking the horizon, hydrangea flowers winding across the hills dividing the fields and water cascading from the hilltops toward the ocean.

Flores has seven small lagoons situated in volcanic basins, surrounded by flowers: the result is relaxing beauty, which makes them worth a visit. A curious geological wonder is the *Rocha dos Bordões*, a majestic cliff

formed by the solidification of basaltic rocks, which resembles a pile of sticks together. Near the base and at sea level are sulfur pits filled with boiling sulfurous water.

Like the other islands, Flores also celebrates the Holy Ghost festival in the spring. Another cultural event named Emigrants' Festival, is held on the second week of July to honor the emigrants who left the island seeking a better life.

The island's main town is Santa Cruz das Flores. Other towns are Lajes, Ponta Delgada, Fajãzinha, Mosteiro, Fazenda and Cedros.

Just like the other islands, Flores has an airfield and a seaport. These two infrastructures helped to bring much-desired development to the island and helped reduce the isolation.

From the island of Flores you can take a small boat to visit the neighboring island of Corvo, the smallest island of the Azores.

You can travel to Flores by plane year-round. A ferryboat goes to Flores during the summer but it doesn't have a regular schedule. Round trip airfare between Terceira and Flores costs about 174 euros.



Initially named São Tomas or Santa Iria, the name of this island was soon changed to Flores (flowers) due to the abundance of wild flowers that cover the island. Hydrangeas, as pictured overlooking the lake, is a common flower on the island. (Courtesy photo)

Street bullfight season kicks off Monday

By Ed Lima
Community Relations adviser

The street bullfight season on Terceira Island begins Monday and will continue through Oct. 15.

This characteristic type of bullfighting is a very old local tradition. Though its exact origin is unknown, some historians believe it began with the tournaments and jousts noblemen held during special occasions.

Street bullfights have become a well-liked cultural event and an important part of the summer festivals around the island. It's still an event that manages to attract hundreds, sometimes thousands of people to a single village.

The bulls, usually four, are transported in boxes from ranches in the center of the island to the village where the bullfights will be held. A motorcade of villagers who travel to the ranch to

observe the selection of the bulls usually precedes the truck carrying the bulls.

When it's time for the bullfight to begin, usually at 6 or 6:30 p.m., a blast that sounds like fireworks lets everybody know that it's time for the first bull to be released and warns those who don't want to play bullfighter that they should look for a safe place behind wooden barriers, high walls or balconies along the streets where the bullfight is to be held.

After the bull is released, eight men dressed in white shirts and grey pants - known as "pastores" - control the distance the bull can travel by holding on to a rope attached to his neck as he pursues those who dare to harass him or stand in his way.

After the men in the crowd provoke the bull for about 30 minutes, the rope handlers pull the bull back into his box for a well-deserved rest - both for the

bull and the men. Two blasts let everybody know it's safe to walk or drive down the street again, but only for about 10 minutes, which is how long it takes the *pastores* to place the rope around the next bull's neck. This routine continues until all four bulls are released into the street and the bullfight ends.

The street bullfights also feature another old tradition related with the island's culture and local food, which are the food stands called "tascas." In these portable stands people can find some of the island's best-known local wine, beer, sodas, as well as seafood and pork sandwiches called "bifanas."

I highly encourage all Americans

U.S. military members, civilians and dependents are prohibited from actively participating in any type of bullfighting on the island, including people TDY here or just passing through.

to witness a street bullfight while they are stationed at Lajes Field, though it is also important to remember that U.S. military members, civilians and dependents are prohibited from actively participating in any type of bullfighting on the island. This includes people here on temporary duty status or just passing through.

Local bullfights are certainly a tradition worth seeing, but not without keeping safety in mind. Bullfights can be dangerous if spectators don't take proper precautions. Always make sure to watch the bullfights from a safe place — a high place at least five or six feet from the ground.

Every year a few careless spectators and participants are gored or hit by the bulls, or burned by the rope and end up in the hospital with serious injuries. There have even been some fatalities in the past because people misjudged the bulls.

To better your chances of finding a safe place from which to view street bullfights it is good to arrive early. More importantly, be careful and use common sense while the bullfights are ongoing. If you are caught driving through a bullfight area, slow down and pay attention to the traffic. Also pay attention to the blasts that will let you know whether the bull is out in the street or inside the box again.

The street bullfights for the following week will be listed on page 12 in the Crossroads each week during bullfight season. To find out more about the bullfight schedule, call the Public Affairs Office at 535-3413.



Tourney marks return of softball



Bill Rathbun of the SMACC (Services, Mission Support, Wing Staff Agencies, Contracting and Comptrollers) team hits a triple during Sunday's championship game in the 5 on 5 softball tournament. Each game saw three teams face one another, with one team batting, one playing infield and one outfield. Teams rotated after three outs and the top score at the end of five innings advanced. (Photos by Kylie Rathbun)



Eric Crandle of the Medical Support Group team begins a swing during the championship game Sunday. The tournament began Saturday morning and concluded Sunday afternoon.



SMACC pitcher Dave Westrick tosses a pitch during the championship game Sunday. The Civil Engineer Squadron took first place in the tournament, with SMACC placing second and the 65 MDG taking third.

The 2006 intramural softball season begins the second week of May. This year's season consists of mens, womens and coed leagues.

For further information about softball or any other intramural sports, contact the Fitness Center at 535-5151.



PLANNER



Hours of operation

Ocean Front BX (Bldg. T-207) Phone: 535-3444

Monday-Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Sunday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Flight View BX (Bldg. T-627) Phone: 535-5236

Monday-Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Main Street Shoppette (Bldg. T-323) Phone: 535-3280

Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Military Clothing

Sales Store (Bldg. T-627) Phone: 535-3816

Sunday-Monday closed; Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Car Care Center (Bldg. T-320) Phone: 535-5125

Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Furniture Store (Bldg. T-800)

Wednesday-Friday noon to 5 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Reel Time Theater (Bldg. T-300) Phone: 535-4100

Showings Wednesday-Sunday

Beauty Shop (Bldg. T-400) (Walk-In Available) Phone: 535-4124

Sunday-Monday closed;

Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Barber Shop (Bldg. T-400) Phone: 535-3396

Sunday and Monday closed; Tuesday-Friday 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

New Car Sales (Bldg. T-202) Phone: 535-3173

Monday-Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday-Friday noon to 8 p.m.

Air Terminal Gift Shop (Bldg. T-612) Phone: 535-3227

AAFES Administrative Offices (Bldg. T-800) Phone: 535-3209

Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Ilha Rent-a-Car (Bldg. T-207) Phone: 535-1278

Sunday closed; Monday-

Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Frank's Franks (Bldg. T-207) Phone: 535-1123

Monday-Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Vescovi Coffee Shop (Bldg. T-207) Phone: 535-1123

Monday-Sunday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Burger King (Bldg. T-169) Phone: 535-3849

Monday-Thursday 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.; and Sunday 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

AAFES Ocean View BX and Flight View BX are open on Portuguese Holidays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except the shoppette, which is open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. All facilities are open normal hours on U.S. holidays.

Tradewinds Dining Facility Menu

Today

Lunch: Mexican Baked Chicken,* Swiss Steak with Tomato Sauce and Stuffed Green Pepper

Dinner: Lasagna, Spaghetti with meat sauce and Italian Sausage

Saturday

Brunch: Cajun Meat Loaf and Crispy Baked Chicken*

Dinner: Stuffed Green Peppers, Stir Fry Chicken* and Pork Chops

Sunday

Brunch: Chicken Parmesan* and Tuna and Noodles

Dinner: Fried Shrimp, Spinach Lasagna* and Ginger BBQ Chicken*

Monday

Lunch: Pot Roast, Baked Stuffed Fish* and Roast Loin of Pork*

Dinner: Chili Mac,* Beef Cannelloni and Southern Fried Chicken

Tuesday

Lunch: Teriyaki Chicken,* Veal Parmesan and Tuna and Noodle casserole

Dinner: Country Captain Chicken,* Meatloaf and Turkey A La King

Wednesday

Lunch: BBQ Ham Steak,* Turkey and Noodles and Beef Stroganoff

Dinner: Lemon- Herb Chicken,* BBQ Spareribs and Stuffed Pork Chops

Thursday

Lunch: **Cajun Meal** - Jambalaya, Cajun Baked Fish* and Cajun Meatloaf

Dinner: Roast Pork,* Jaeger schnitzel and Glazed Cornish Hens

*Denotes Healthy Heart item
Menu subject to change

At the Movies

Today: 7 p.m. - Madea's Family Reunion starring Tyler Perry, Blair Underwood

An unstoppable force of nature, southern matriarch Madea may have finally taken on more than she can chew. She has just been court ordered to be in charge of Nikki, a rebellious runaway, her nieces Lisa and Vanessa are suffering relationship trouble, and through it all she has to organize her family reunion. As the reunion approaches, secrets are revealed and tensions rise. Madea must use every tactic in her arsenal to not only keep the peace, but keep her family together. Rated PG-13 (thematic material, domestic violence, sex/drug references) 99 min.

Today: 10 p.m. - Running Scared starring Paul Walker, Wayne Brady

Two 10-year-old boys get their hands on a mob gun with which a cop was shot. The father of one of the boys must take to the streets in a desperate bid to recover the weapon before the mob finds out it's missing. Rated R (violence, language, sexuality, drug content) 124 min.

Saturday: 7 p.m. 16 Blocks starring Bruce Willis, Dante 'Mos Def' Smith

A troubled NYPD officer is forced to take a happy, but down-on-his-luck witness 16 blocks from the police station to 100 Centre Street, although no one wants the duo to make it. Rated PG-13 (violence, action, language) 105 min.



Sunday: 2 p.m. - Madea's Family Reunion; 7 p.m. 16 Blocks

Wednesday: 7 p.m. - Madea's Family Reunion
Thursday: 7 p.m. - Running Scared

Next week: The Shaggy Dog, Ultraviloe and Aquamarine.

Movies subject to change. For updated listings, call 535-3302. For more information on ratings, visit www.aafes.com.



EVENTS

Submission deadline is Thursday one week prior to publication. E-mail announcements in normal text with event, location, date, time, point of contact's full name and phone number/e-mail address to news@lajes.af.mil.

In the Community

Bullfights: There will be street bullfights 6 p.m. Monday in Fontinhas; Largo da Fonte, Sao Sebastiao; and Largo da Fonte, Ribeirinha.

Miscellaneous

Craft/Camping Supply donations for Girl Scouts: Are you PCSing this spring and wanting to get rid of craft or camping supplies? The Terceira Girl Scouts would love to have those items. For more information, call Heather Thompson at 295-549-568 or Email her at heather.thompson@lajes.af.mil.

Volunteer Recognition Ceremony: The event takes place today at 3:30 p.m. at the Community Activities Center. For more information, contact Jennifer Wickizer at 535-4138.

Commissary Open Monday: The Commissary will be open normal hours Monday for Portuguese Independence Day.

Veterinarian Visit: The U.S. Army veterinarian will be visiting Lajes Wednesday through May 10. Call 535-3134 to set up an appointment.

eXtreme summer '06: eXtreme summer - a USAFE Services program open to all Department of Defense ID card holders 8-years-old and above -- kicks off Monday. It provides opportunities for youth, teens and adults to earn game pieces worth 50 points each for participating in great summer activities. These points are loaded onto the eXtreme summer website at www.extremesummer.com. The more points earned, the greater the chance of winning instant prizes, monthly prizes or the overall grand prize and runner up prizes in each category.

Education

Central Texas College: Central Texas College is offering onsite Criminal Justice classes. For additional

information, contact 535-6722.

Oklahoma University classes: The Masters of Human Relations degree program with University of Oklahoma is a 36-credit hour, non-thesis degree that can be completed within 16-24 months.

The summer course being offered is "Grant Writing and Development" an elective course toward the MHR degree. The course dates are June 20-25. The last day to add drop is May 22.

For more information call 535-3171

Jobs/Volunteer

Thrift Shop Coordinator: The thrift shop is looking for an Enlisted Spouses Club or Officer Spouses Club member to fill the Thrift Shop Coordinator position by June 1. This is a paid position, with lots of perks. For information or to apply, call Jane at 535-3567 or 295-549-689.

Thrift Shop Bookkeeper: The thrift shop is looking for an Enlisted Spouses Club or Officer Spouses Club member to fill the Thrift Shop Bookkeeper position. This is a paid position. For information call Jane at 535-3567 or 295-549-689. This position needs to be filled by July 1.

Girl Scout Committee Chair: A volunteer opportunity for a Terceira Island Girl Scouts Overseas Committee Chair position is open. Applicants need strong management, organizational and leadership skills. Requires application, interview and training (provided in Germany May 5-7). Some Girl Scout experience is helpful, but not mandatory. OCC oversees all Girl Scout activity on Terceira including Overseas Committee Management Team, leaders and troops. Applicants must have one year retainability and cannot be a troop leader while holding the position. Interested applicants can call Toni Leonard at 295-549-514 or Lin Earp at 295-549-711.

Extreme Makeover volunteers: The Lajes Youth Pro-

gram is undergoing an extreme makeover through May 24. Volunteers are need to help build, paint, and more.

Volunteer opportunities will be Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 8 p.m.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Tony Flowers at 91-896-3381 or e-mail him at tony.flowers@lajes.af.mil.

Automotive instructors: Central Texas College is seeking applications for Automotive Instructors who have an Associates degree or higher and a minimum of five years' work experience in the maintenance field or a Bachelor's degree and a minimum of three years work experience in the maintenance field. For more information, call 535-6722.

Services vacancies: The 65th Services Squadron vacancy listing is available at the human resources office in building T-112 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For details, call 295-575-200 or 535-5200.

Chapel

Gospel Extravaganza II: May 27, 7 - 9 p.m. Call 535-6844 for more information.

Library

Story Hour is every Friday at 3 p.m. in the childrens' room in the base library.

Bookmark contest: The USAFE-wide bookmark design contest is open to children from kindergarten to 12th grade. It ends Sunday.

DoDDS

School registration: Registration for the Lajes American School for 2006 - 2007 is happening now. Children who will be in grades Pre-K through 12 need to be registered as soon as possible in Bldg. T-234 the Administrative Office.

For more information, call Cidalia Dias at 535-4151.

Classified Ads

E-mail ads to news@lajes.af.mil. Ads are due by 5 p.m. Friday. Please remember to notify the Crossroads when items have been sold.

For sale: Lock-Rite locker for Jeep Wrangler - \$100; Swimming pool - 8 x 12 feet (never swam in) - \$50; 1 mens and womens mountain bike, 1.5 years old, hardly ridden, kept in doors - \$75 each; 1 girls bike - \$15; Call Marty or Jen at 295-549-552

For sale: two light gray bound carpets: 9 x 15 and 13 x 13, \$25 each. Contact 295-549-512.

For sale: 1993 Golf CL - Great Island car and has been the source of many hours of driving and touring fun around the island. 146,000 kms (Approx 91k miles), Inspection until Feb 07, base pass until Mar 07, new tires (approx 250 miles), new catalytic converter, new brakes, new windshield. Recent tune up. Kenwood Deck with many extras. Asking \$1500. Serious inquiries only. Call 918-516-829 to schedule a test drive.

For sale: 1992 Toyota Tercel, Car runs great! Only minor rust and no major problems. Car will be available sometime between May - July as I will be getting short notice orders. Will sell for \$1200. Call 295-549-601 for more info.

For sale: Baby Crib, excellent condition - \$75; Fisher Price high chair - \$25; Graco stroller and car seat travel set, comes with car seat base - \$60; Jeep Liberty stroller - \$70; Fisher Price Intellatainer, teaches numbers and letters and sounds - \$40; Winnie the Pooh Classic Crib set, complete and with extras - \$25. Please call 295-549-601 for more info.

For sale: 1995 Renault Clio, 4 door, 1.2 liter, 5 speed, power windows, AM/FM cassette, low mileage, new tires, new rear brakes. No rust! Reliable! This is not an island bomb. Call Andy at 964-297-606 or home at 295-549-741. \$3500.

Wanted: Looking to buy an automatic car. Please call 295-516-998

Wanted: Bagpipe player with pipes available to participate in wing events in May and June. Contact Liam Clancy at 535-2325, or Jared Bickham at 535-5233.

For sale: Projector: BenQ PB6200. Excellent condition! \$700 19" TV: \$30; CD player: JVC 5-disc carousel \$25; Home Theater: Phillips DVD player/receiver with 5.1 surround spkrs. \$60 E-mail gregorycooper@lajes.af.mil, or call 295-549-818, 967-065-230

For Sale: Large 44" Satellite Dish. See all your AFN channels. Almost new, used for only 2 months, \$100. Call 295-549-272

For Sale: Evento Stroller/Car Seat Combo for 5-22 lbs. \$50; Bassinet \$20; Entertainment Center fits 32" TV \$75; Booster Seat for 30-80 lbs. \$20; Dirt Devil Vacuum \$10; Call James or Danielle at 295-549-541 or 962-074-116. PCS'ing soon. Prices negotiable.

For Sale: Forever Mine-Crib, mattress and chest of drawers \$150 OBO; dehumidifier \$35 OBO; Graco playpen w/carrying case \$50 OBO; changing table \$20 OBO Call 295-549-485

Wanted: Drummer for established Rock Band. No Kit Necessary! Call Steve at 295-549-733

For Sale: 2000 KTM Duke II. 3969.5 miles, 640cc's. \$4,000 or best offer. For details, e-mail Corsicav83@hotmail.com

Nanny available: Highly dependable, outstanding on taking care of your children and domestic help. I'm also well known by the management at the CDC. I have reliable transportation, access to the interior of the base and a good command of the English language. Feel free to contact me (Mrs. Judy): 295-517-014 or 962356981

For sale: 27" JVC television \$275 Call David at 535-1422 or 295-543-111.

For Sale large Amana microwave \$25, call 295-549-512

Babysitting on weekend nights: will babysit 3 years of age or higher; I am 14 and have taken the babysitter course for CPR/first aid: experience with children: Call Brandon at 295-549-579